

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 18-28 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5 and 26-28 have been allowed. Claims 18-23 have been made subject to a restriction requirement. Claim 24 has been rejected. Claim 25 has been objected to. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

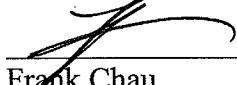
Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Agrawal (US Pat. No. 4,268,727). However, claim 25 depending therefrom was indicated allowable but objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 24 has been cancelled and claim 25 depending therefrom has been rewritten in independent form in accordance with the Examiner's indications of allowable subject matter.

Claims 18-23 have been cancelled, without prejudice, in view of the restriction requirement.

For the forgoing reasons, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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